Central Library (Resource Centre)

Information support systems will be integrated into educational activities throughout the library in all possible ways, which will enable the library to leap forward in meeting the expectations of the academic community at our institution as well as those who rely on our library services from other academic and research activities.

Located at the heart of the campus, the Library utilizes modern technology to provide readers with the information they need at the right time. In a separate building, the library covers a **total area of 20,070 square feet** and has **seating for 200** patrons. Besides the conventional sections of Stacks, Reference, Circulation, Periodicals, Technical Section, Thesis and Dissertation, the central library is well-organized, and it also houses a large **Audio-Visual** equipment room, an expansive Conference Hall, an electronic library and an office for the librarian.

The Pile

Library collections total **1,36,080 volumes**, which include books (1.24,612), journals, Ph.D. theses (607), back volumes (5236), periodicals, non-book materials, etc. Subscriptions are made to various online resources like **e-databases** (DELNET and N-List), **6,150 e-journals**, and **1,64,309+ e-books**.

Over **2666 rare books published prior to 1925 are available** in our library. Our college institutional repositories have been digitized and repaired for all of the books. The collection consists of **45 palm leaf manuscripts** dating from the 18th century.

Additionally, **eShodhsindhu membership** provides access to more online resources. Research papers are evaluated using **Urkund**, which is a web-based anti-plagiarism software provided by Bharathidasan University under a subscription-based access model.

Reach

The central library functions throughout the year from **7.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m**., except on a few national holidays. The library has an excellent computing infrastructure, including hardware, network equipment, and software. All its services are completely automated and bar-coded with **ROVAN LMS software** in-house. The library is also equipped with well-networked Wi-Fi connectivity. The library is connected to the **internet via a leased line of 1 Gbps**. The virtual learning environment will allow faculty members, scholars, and students to **access library resources on a 24/7 basis**.

Faculty can access e-resources through a separate, well-equipped digital library in the central library. The digital library is equipped with **18 nodes**. Through membership in the **Interlibrary**

Loan program, libraries are able to provide ILLs to readers at other institutions. A **RFID system** has been implemented in the library to facilitate the quick access to library resources and enhance the security of library materials. It is possible to search for library materials **(Web-OPAC)** using the library website which provides information about resources. A digital repository is created for staff publications, theses, rare books, and question papers through Dspace. Additionally, the library provides **free Wi-Fi access**. Our staff and students will have access to the **M-OPAC** (Mobile Online Public Access Catalogue). Subscriptions to e-books, e-journals, college old question papers, video lectures by our staff, and NPTEL videos are included in this program.

Distinctiveness

A special unit has been established in the library's reading room by the name of Print Accessibility for Print Disabled. In order to cater to the needs of visually impaired students, two computers have been set up specifically to provide access to e-resources and braille books. A wide range of special software programs such as **Non-Visual Desktop Access** (NVDA), as well as specially configured hardware devices such as the Read It Wand, Read Easy Move, and Seika Braille reading devices are available. Those with disabilities will find easy and convenient access to the library building thanks to a **Ramp and Lift facilities**.

Care & Extension activities

There are signboards and guide cards placed throughout the library to assist readers in locating resources quickly. It follows an open-access system for all users. Various sections of the library are under **CCTV surveillance**. Lift facilities are available in our library for students who are physically challenged. The footfall is increasing day by day due to the practice of making one mandatory per week for the Library in the academic timetable. Entire fraternity is updated with campus activities and notices through **Digital Display boards** placed adjacent to the library and fed by the library staff.

Seminars, workshops, and conferences have been organized by the Department of Library. IRINS (**Indian Research Information and Network Systems**), an initiative of our Department of Library, serves to showcase the academic excellence of our college.

The IRINS was initiated by our library. Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Center developed this web-based **Research Information Management** (RIM) service. The portal facilitates the collection, curation, and presentation of scholarly communication activities and provides an opportunity to establish scholarly networks between academic, research, and development organizations.

Library services

- Programs designed to raise awareness of e-learning services
- All first-year students will be provided with an orientation to library usage
- **Coaching classes for TNPSC**
- Certificate courses in Calligraphy
- A **six-month Certificate course** in Library and Information Science (C.L.I.Sc)
- Software to check for plagiarism.
- Current Content Management System
- Institutional Repository –D space database.
- Rare Book Digitalization.
- Herbal Preservation and Conservation.
- Movie Club Activities.
- Document Delivery Request
- Service on Request
- E-Reference Desk
- Photocopying /scanning / printing Service
- NVDA (Nonvisual Desktop Access) NVDA is a type of screen reader, primarily used by blind Windows users in their home environments.